Future-Tense

Introduction

The Future Tense expresses actions that are expected to happen after the present time. Types of Past Tense

There are four forms of Future Tense:

- **Simple Future Tense** I will sing tomorrow.
- Future Continuous Tense I will be singing tomorrow.
- Future Perfect Tense I will have sung tomorrow.
- Future Perfect Continuous Tense I will have been singing throughout the day tomorrow.

Simple Past Tense

Usage

To express events likely to happen in the future.

Examples:

- She will arrive soon.
- o Ram will buy a new mobile next month.
- o He will meet you in Bengaluru.
- To make predictions.

Examples:

- I think India will win the match.
- o I hope she will pass with a first division.

Formation:

- Affirmative Sentences:
 - Subject + will/shall + base form of the verb + object

Example: I shall buy a dress tomorrow.

Note:

 "Shall" is traditionally used with I/we, though "will" is common today for all subjects.

Future Continuous Tense

Usage

To talk about an action that will be in progress at a certain time in the future.

Examples:

- Samir will be eating lunch at 1 p.m.
- o I will be buying a mobile next Sunday morning.
- To predict or guess about future events.

Examples:

- o I think he will be going to Germany next month.
- He thinks Disha will be inviting him.

Formation:

Subject + will/shall + be + verb + ing

Example: I shall be leaving for Delhi tomorrow.

Spelling Rules for "-ing" Forms:

- Add -ing to most verbs: read → reading
- Drop 'e' and add -ing: make → making
- Double the final consonant: cut → cutting
- Change 'ie' to 'y': tie → tying

Future Perfect Tense

Usage

• To describe an action that will be completed before a specific time in the future.

Examples:

- My father will have reached by tomorrow.
- o They will have reached their destination.

Formation:

Subject + will/shall + have + past participle (V3)

Example: She will have composed a poem.

Future Perfect Continuous Tense

Usage

Describes an action that will continue until a point of time in the future.

Example:

By next month, we will have been living in this house for five years.

Formation:

• Subject + will/shall + have been + verb + ing

Example: They will have been studying for 5 years

Points to Remember

- Simple Future: Action will happen.
- Future Continuous: Action will be happening.
- Future Perfect: Action will have happened.
- Future Perfect Continuous: Action will have been happening.

Practice Exercises Overview

Fill in the blanks – Simple Future Tense

- ❖ We will find a new idea soon.
- Meenu will bring a glass of water.

Fill in the blanks - Future Continuous Tense

She will be doing her homework tomorrow.

Fill in the blanks – Future Perfect Tense

They will have arrived in the hotel by then.

Fill in the blanks – Future Perfect Continuous Tense

❖ She will have been waiting for more than three hours.

Dialogue Practice – Future Tense Identification

Conversation between Alok and Irfan includes various uses of future tense:

• will be coming, shall be leaving, will be visiting, will definitely be back.